

About the second time around listening to the advance of **I Mother Earth's** debut *Dig* (Capitol) I realized that they really did sound kind of like a train on "Rain Will Fall," even though their publicity said it was a steamroller. In any event it wasn't a steam train. I also realized they weren't quite as metal as I thought the first time (though I must admit I was seriously involved in a computer game at the time). In any case, this Canadian band sometimes is quite metalistic, and sometimes they're sort of contemplative in a wandering psychedelic way and at other times they sound sort of like Pink Floyd. Anyway when they're not sounding like all of the above Edwin the singer can sing when he isn't screaming, Jagori Tanna can be fairly surprising on guitar, Christian Tanna is even better on drums and Bruce Gordon the subtlest of them all on bass.

I Mother Earth with Almost Human and Lode Sandwich: Sun. June 13 at 10 p.m. at J.C. Dobbs, 304 South St., 925-4053.
--Peter Brown